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SUBJECT: PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS FOR AMBASSADOR PORTER

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1. EMBASSY INFORMED FOREIGN MINISTRY BY NOTE MORNING OF JAN 10 THAT AMBASSADOR AND MRS. PORTER WERE EXPECTED TO ARRIVE IN THE KINGDOM JAN 16.
 2. IN A MEETING LATER THAN MORNING, PRINCE SAUD MENTIONED THAT HE HAD BEEN INFORMED OF AMBASSADOR PORTER'S ARRIVAL, AND WISHED TO TELL CHARGE THAT KING KHALID WOULD BE ON MONDAY LEAVING FOR AN IN-COUNTRY VACATION AND WOULD NOT BE BACK IN HIS OFFICE TILL FEB 19. PRINCE SAUD SAID THAT WHILE HM'S VACATION PLANS MIGHT NOT BE CONVENIENT FOR AMBASSADOR, HE NEVERTHELESS THOUGHT THE AMBASSADOR SHOULD COME OUT AS SCHEDULED. PRINCE SAUD SAID THAT WHILE KING WOULD BE ON VACATION HE, SAUD, WOULD BE HAPPY TO DISCUSS MATTERS OF BUSINESS WITH THE AMBASSADOR, AND SAME WOULD BE TRUE OF OTHER OFFICIALS IN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY.
 3. CHARGE TOLD PRINCE HE WOULD PASS THIS INFORMATION BACK TO AMBASSADOR PORTER. HE ASKED IF IN HIS MAJESTY'S ABSENCE AMBASSADOR MIGHT BE ABLE TO PRESENT HIS CREDENTIALS TO VICEROY, CROWN PRINCE FAHD. AFTER SOME DISCUSSION WITH POLITICAL UNDER SECRETARY, AMBASSADOR ABDUL RAHMAN AL-MANSURI, PRINCE SAUD SAND
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HE BELIEVED CREDENTIALS WOULD HAVE TO BE PRESENTED

TO KING KHALID. PRINCE ADDED THAT IF AMBASSADOR
NEEDED TO DISCUSS SOME URGENT MATTER WITH A SENIOR
MEMBER OF THE ROYAL FAMILY, HE, PRINCE SAUD, WOULD
THINK IT OVER AND SEE WHAT COULD BE DONE.
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